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Central Florida Hurricane Center
<http://flhurricane.com/>

Hernando County Zone Map
http://www.co.hernando.fl.us/em/gis_flood.asp

Hillsborough County Zone Map
<http://www-gis.hillsboroughcounty.org/heat>

Manatee County Zone Map
http://public.co.manatee.fl.us/ims/html/viewer.htm?Service=Emergency_Operations

National Hurricane Center
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Pasco County Zone Map
<http://gis.pascocountyfl.net/evaczones>

Pet Friendly Hotels
www.pet-friendly-hotels.net/

Pinellas County Zone Map
<http://gis.pinellascounty.org/hurricane%5Ftxt>

Storm2K
<http://www.storm2k.org/wx/>

Weather Underground
<http://www.wunderground.com/>

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Do You Know Your Zone?

We all know that MacDill AFB may evacuate in the event of a hurricane. The highest point on base is only about thirteen feet above sea level, leaving the base subject to severe damage from flooding and storm surge. However, what about the rest of the Tampa Bay area? Do you know your evacuation zone?

The first thing to remember is if you live in a manufactured home, you will be required to evacuate regardless of where you live. According to the National Hurricane Center, no manufactured home, no matter how new it is, can be a safe shelter from hurricane force winds. Never ride out a hurricane in a manufactured home, even if it's in a non-evacuation zone. As soon as an evacuation order is announced, make plans to leave your manufactured home.

For those personnel who live in conventional built homes, your level of protection depends largely on the evacuation zone in which your house is located. The evacuation zones are based upon expected flooding and storm surge levels for the varying hurricane categories. For instance, if you live in a Level A Evacuation Zone, you should plan to evacuate in the event that a Category 1 hurricane is forecast to strike your area.

How can you find out the zone in which your home is located? Each county produces hurricane evacuation maps which show in detail what areas of the county are evacuation zones. For most areas, you can look at the map and determine if your neighborhood falls within an evacuation zone. For a more precise determination of your location in relation to an evacuation zone, many county Emergency Management websites now provide a GIS mapping tool which will allow you to search for your exact address. Evacuation maps can be obtained from your county or MacDill Office of Emergency Management.

Ensure that you have a plan in place prior to evacuation. Speak with your Safe House/Safe Haven host families and make them aware of any pets or family members with special needs that may be evacuating with you. If any of your family members require special considerations, make arrangements to meet those needs both during your evacuation and at your destination. You should always make arrangements to evacuate with your pet. If your pet cannot go with you to your Safe House/Safe Haven location, plan to find another host family or board your pet with a veterinarian or animal shelter. Keep in mind that your Safe House/Safe Haven host family has volunteered to take you in as a courtesy. Respect their home and provide assistance by bringing your own hurricane supply kit and food and water for all of your family members. Ask your host family if there is any other assistance that you can provide and thank them for providing you and your loved ones shelter from the storm.

First Aid Kit

These items are suggested but are not necessarily all-inclusive of everything your family needs to prepare for an emergency. Consult your physician regarding needs specific to your family.

- ◇ First-aid manual
- ◇ Sterile gauze
- ◇ Adhesive tape
- ◇ Adhesive bandages in several sizes
- ◇ Elastic bandage
- ◇ Antiseptic wipes
- ◇ Soap
- ◇ Antibiotic cream (triple-antibiotic ointment)
- ◇ Antiseptic solution (like hydrogen peroxide)
- ◇ Hydrocortisone cream (1%)
- ◇ Acetaminophen and ibuprofen
- ◇ Extra prescription medications
- ◇ Tweezers
- ◇ Sharp scissors
- ◇ Safety pins
- ◇ Disposable instant cold packs
- ◇ Calamine lotion
- ◇ Alcohol wipes or ethyl alcohol
- ◇ Thermometer
- ◇ Latex gloves (at least 2 pairs)
- ◇ Barrier device for administering CPR
- ◇ Your list of emergency phone numbers
- ◇ Blanket (stored nearby)

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<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/OpenCoP.asp?Filter=OO-EN-AM-31>